



***Substitute House Bill No. 5410***

***Public Act No. 14-152***

***AN ACT CONCERNING LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy. Such report shall include (1) a description of the reasons for each gas company's percentage of lost and unaccounted for gas, (2) recommendations for each gas company's gas leak reduction strategy, (3) a description of each gas company's current gas leak monitoring system program, and (4) the number of leaks and causes of such leaks throughout the entire gas distribution system in the state and any other information the authority determines to be relevant.

(b) The authority shall initiate a docket to investigate the lost and unaccounted for gas of a gas company if the percentage of lost and unaccounted for gas of such gas company in any calendar year exceeds a total of three per cent. In such docket, a gas company shall report (1) leak detection and monitoring procedures, (2) emissions reduction strategies in addition to leak repair, and (3) any additional requirements the authority determines to be relevant. In such docket,

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the authority shall establish a cost mechanism to comply with long-term emissions reductions required by section 22a-200a of the general statutes and to incentivize a gas company to (A) reduce lost and unaccounted for gas, including the number of leaks throughout the entire gas distribution system in the state, (B) replace aging infrastructure, and (C) comply with any additional requirements the authority determines to be relevant. Such cost mechanism may be incorporated in the purchased gas adjustment clause pursuant to section 16-19b of the general statutes.

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